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The Blessed Halls of
Honor

Every Jukan has their
story to tell, and every
Jukan who has lived a
life of Honor will have
their Life Song sung to
the Blessed Halls of
Honor as they pass from
this world into the
Embrace of the Great
Mother. The Blessed Halls
of Honor were built in
dedication to the Honor
of the Jukan clans and
to respect the sacrifices
made in the name of the
Great Mother and all of
Jukankind. The Great
Halls of Honor hold the
Life Songs of all Jukans
that have died after
leading an honorable life,
and enshrined within are
mementos of those who
have died. The Blessed
Halls of Honor are a
sacred place, and no
fighting shall ever occur
in or on its grounds, on
punishment of dishonor
and death.

The Life Song

The Rites of the Life
Song hold an important
place for those Jukans
who join the ranks of
the honored dead. The
Life Song is an
outpouring of emotion,
respect, and sentiment
towards the honored dead
that must be performed
with sincerity and in the
singer's own words. The
Life Song does not
require words or any
'formal' music, provided

it is suitable for telling
the story of the honored
dead's life. It is this
uniqueness of the Life
Song that ensures that
the honored dead's Life
Song will echo throughout
the Blessed Halls of
Honor through eternity. It
is common for a Jukan
to appoint or request a
close friend, companion,
family member, or lover
to sing their Life Song
for them upon the
embarkation of a
dangerous mission or
voyage. In the absence of
a designated singer,
someone close to the
deceased will take up the
duty and Honor of singing
the Life Song to the
Blessed Halls of Honor,
and depositing their
memento within.

Treatment of the Dead
Jukans who die with
Honor either on the
battlefield or elsewhere
must be properly prepared
and tended to so that
they can pass into the
embrace of the Great
Mother without
complications. In times of
war or desperation the
honored dead can be
burned by funeral pyre
with whatever is at hand,
but if time is not of the
essence the body should
be prepared before its
cremation. The preparation
of the body requires it
to be cleansed and
bathed, but any scars or
wounds that were
incurred should be left
uncovered; a Jukan's
scars are part of their
being and should not be
hidden. A warrior's body
should be burned wearing
a robe of grey silk,
carrying their weapon for
battle, and with their

helm adorning their brow.
Any other Jukan should
be burned wearing a robe
of grey silk with a grey
silk scarf about their
neck. If the Jukan was
slain during a Black Duel,
their weapon should be
wrapped with a black
scarf of silk. The body
should be burned to ash
and the ashes interred at
the respective clan's
tomb. Those announced to
the Blessed Halls of
Honor often have a
memento left there in
memoriam.

If a Jukan dies after
leading a life of dishonor
or has betrayed the
duties of a warrior, then
the Jukan deserves to
neither be remembered
nor treated as part of
Jukankind. Instead their
corpse shall be stripped
bare and left as carrion
to rot in disgrace and be
picked apart by
scavengers. A Jukan
without Honor is less
than an animal, and shall
be treated as such,
whose highest hope of
duty is to fatten the
bellies of bottom feeding
scavengers. Any who die
in such a way shall not
be referred to as Jukan
or as belonging to any
clan, and their name shall
be stricken from the
birth records.